

Colorado

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states, the District of Columbia and Guam without a motorcycle advisory committee.

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states that mandates rider education for riders under a certain age.

The mandatory curriculum for novice drivers doesn't include sharing the road information.

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states and Puerto Rico with anti-impaired riding education efforts for motorcycle riders.

Year	Motor Vehicle Fatalities	Motor Vehicle Registrations	Motorcycle Fatalities	Motorcycle Registrations
2004	667 (535)	894,582	81	8,411 (121,132)
2005	606	859,018	87	117,159 (128,924)
2006	535	858,967	74	117,159 (139,264)

The data in parentheses was provided by the State of Colorado.

- In Colorado, motorcycle fatalities represented 12 percent of all motor vehicle fatalities and less than 1 percent of registered vehicles in 2004; 14 percent of fatalities and 14 percent of registered vehicles in 2005; and 14 percent of fatalities and 14 percent of registered vehicles in 2006.

GENERAL

- The Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) is the lead agency for motorcycle safety.
- Colorado does not have an active statewide motorcycle advisory committee.
- Colorado has a motorcycle safety plan, and motorcycle safety is included in the state's strategic safety plan.
- Motorcycle crashes are a priority crash problem in Colorado.
- In 2007, NHTSA conducted an assessment of Colorado's motorcycle safety program.

RIDER EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- CDOT is responsible for rider education and training programs. The MSF's Basic and Experienced RiderCoursesSM are offered in the state.
- Rider education is mandatory for those under 18.
- Colorado has a training capacity problem. The average wait time for a class is two weeks.
- Colorado has a sharing the road program. There are events held annually at motorcycle events throughout the state that focus on sharing the roads and highways. CDOT also provides ongoing, low cost promotional support, including: radio commercials, print advertising materials, special promotions, signage and marketing materials on sharing the road with motorcyclists. CDOT works closely with media throughout the state to promote motorcycle safety and awareness.
- In Colorado, the motorcycle safety programs all focus on sharing the road in a safe and responsible manner. ABATE of Colorado offers a program called *Operation Save A Life* dedicated to increasing motorcycle safety. The ABATE program includes live presentations, public service announcements and posters. The ABATE campaign offers logos and printable



flyers that simply state: *Look Twice - Save a Life - Motorcycles Are Everywhere*.

- Information on sharing the road with motorcyclists is included in Colorado's driving manual. However, it is not a required component of driver education for novice drivers.

LICENSING

- The minimum age for a motorcycle license or endorsement is 16 in Colorado; however, applicants under 18 must hold a permit for at least 12 months.
- Vision and knowledge tests are required of all applicants. CDOT, the Colorado Department of Revenue, the Department of Justice, Colorado State Patrol, local law enforcement, motorcycle clubs, motorcycle rights groups and dealers all work together to encourage proper licensing.

PERSONAL PROTECTIVE EQUIPMENT

- Helmets are required for all riders under 18.
- In 2006, 61 of the 74 fatally injured motorcyclists were not wearing helmets.
- Information on the benefits of helmet use is provided in the state's training courses, and through a 410 grant with a motorcycle rights group and through dealerships.

IMPAIRED MOTORCYCLING

- Information on the dangers of impaired riding is provided in the state's rider training courses, public events and advertising offered in the state.
- Colorado's SFST program includes impaired motorcyclist detection tools. This NHTSA program provides training on the proper ways to conduct field sobriety testing and signs to look for with impaired drivers.
- The state also distributes NHTSA's booklet *Guide to the Detection of Impaired Motorcyclists* at law enforcement events throughout the year.
- CDOT's enforcement campaign *The Heat Is On* targets impaired riders as well as impaired drivers.

HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

- Motorcycle specific signs are displayed at construction projects warning of roto-milled or barren sections of road. Warning signs are also provided for wheel traps such as uneven traffic lanes.

RESOURCES AND FUNDING

- Revenues from motorcycle registration and endorsements fund the state's rider education program.
- Colorado received a Section 2010 Motorcyclist Safety Grant. The funds were used to develop a training class for novice riders, promote motorcycle awareness, develop more motorcycle trainers and purchase a trailer to bring motorcycle training to more areas of the state.

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with anti-impaired riding
enforcement efforts.

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states and Puerto Rico
that includes motorcycles
in highway engineering
issues.

1 of 18
states that had a NHTSA
assessment of its motorcycle
safety program.